



FRIDAY NIGHT FACTS

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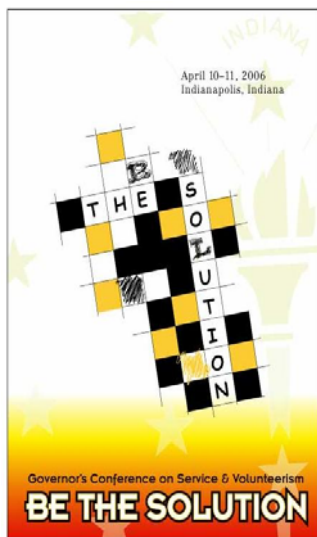
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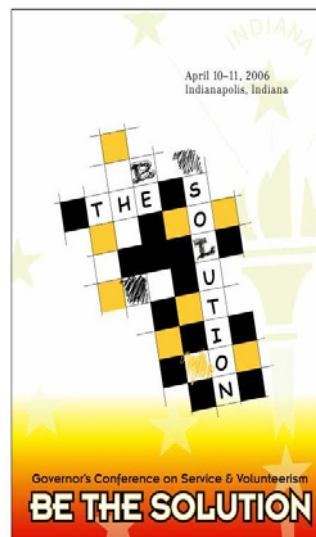
Welcome to **Friday Night Facts**! We are getting more and more excited the closer the time comes to share the *Governor's Conference on Service & Volunteerism* with you. We hope that you will decide to spend two days with us and expand your knowledge and re-commit yourself to volunteerism in Indiana. Be sure to visit our website, www.ofbci.in.gov and register for the conference!

Last week, I spent a couple of days in Washington at the White House National Conference on Faith-Based and Community Initiatives. Indiana had over a dozen people in attendance and I know that each of us were inspired by the excitement and commitment to making our country a better place to live through volunteer efforts. It was also a proud moment to hear President Bush acknowledge the leadership of one Hoosier, former Mayor Stephen Goldsmith as the Chair of the Corporation for National and Community Service. Once again, Indiana leads the nation in the area of volunteerism.



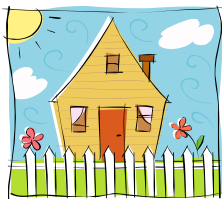
CONFERENCE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We need your assistance to make the **2006 Governor's Conference on Service & Volunteerism** a success! Conference volunteers will provide a variety of services from confirming registration to assisting speakers in conference sessions. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Johanna Amefia-Koffi at 317-234-4234 or by email at jkoffi@ofbci.in.gov



HUD Continuum of Care Workshops

The HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) has been announced. CoC funds can be used to provide permanent or transitional housing for homeless persons. As always, funding is very competitive. ICHHI helps put together the Balance of State CoC application, and is hosting two application workshops.



Those interested may attend one of the following workshops: Tuesday, April 4th, from 10 AM to 3 PM or Wednesday, April 5th, from 10 AM to 3 PM. These workshops will be held at the Indiana Community Action Association, 1845 West 18 Street, in Indianapolis. To register, please go to www.ichhi.org or send an email to mconnor@ichhi.org. The registration deadline is Wednesday, March 29th. The cost is \$10 which includes lunch and materials.

INDIANA YOUTH INVESTMENT AWARDS

The Indiana Youth Institute (IYI) is currently accepting nominations for their annual Indiana Youth Investment Awards. The Institute will recognize ten organizations for their outstanding efforts on behalf of Indiana youth.

Candidates may be youth-serving organizations, schools, or specific programs that directly serve children and youth. Self-nominations will be accepted. Winners will receive a cash award of \$5,000 to be used for professional development and to enhance their work with youth. Award winners will also receive free admission for two to the Indiana Youth Institute's annual Kids Count in Indiana Conference on December 6, 2006.

Indiana Youth Investment Award winners will be promoted via local press conferences as outstanding programs that can be replicated in other Indiana communities. Information, nomination criteria and an application can be obtained through the Indiana Youth Institute's web site at <http://www.iyi.org/yia> or by calling IYI at 800-343-7060. **The application deadline is May 1, 2006.**



NCLB UPDATE

Secretary of Education, Margaret Spellings, announced last week eight grants, totaling \$30 million, to support the implementation of Striving Readers programs across the country.

Striving Readers, which complements the successful Reading First (K-3) Program, focuses on Title I-eligible middle and high schools that have significant numbers of struggling readers and that are striving to meet ***No Child Left Behind's*** Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) requirements. Grantees may use the funds for interventions for middle and high school-aged students to improve basic reading skills, motivation, vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension using research-based programs; professional development aligned with scientifically based research; valid and reliable reading assessments; and the design and implementation of a rigorous evaluation. President Bush's Fiscal Year 2007 budget requests a \$70.3 million increase in Striving Readers, for a total of over \$100 million. For more information, please go to <http://www.ed.gov/programs/strivingreaders/>.

DROPOUTS PERSPECTIVE

According to a survey released this month by Washington, D.C.-based Civic Enterprises, most high school dropouts recognize that they made a mistake in quitting school: 81% said they now believe graduating from high school is important to success in life; 74% said, if they were able to relive the experience, they would have stayed in school; and 47% agreed it was hard to find a good job without a diploma. Why did these students drop out? Not because of grades: 88% had passing grades and 70% said they could have graduated if they had tried. Instead, 47% said classes were not interesting. Almost 70% said they would have worked harder if more had been expected of them. For more information, please go to <http://www.gatesfoundation.org>

CORRECTION

Please make the following correction to page 10 of your March 9th Funding Opportunities Newsletter. The point of contact for the **Community Development Block Grant Program for Non-Entitlement Areas** is Conley Poole, 317-232-1703, or email cpoole@ora.in.gov, not Beth Dawson. We apologize for any inconvenience.

A Faith-Based Community Event
**"STRENGTHENING FAMILY TIES THROUGH
 NETWORKING: FATHER FOCUS"**

Marriage, Fatherhood and Families Still Count

Indiana Healthy Marriage and Family Coalition, Inc. (IHMFC)

In partnership with

Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

and

Martin University Institute of Urban Ministries

Present the

2nd Year Annual Family Conference & Celebration

Thursday, May 4, 2006

Martin University

2171 Avondale Place, Indianapolis, IN 46202

Father Boniface Hardin, President

8:00 a.m. – Registration & Exhibit Booths Open

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Plenary Sessions, Workshops & Luncheon

SPECIAL APPEARANCES & KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Joyce A. Thomas, Regional Administrator, ACF. DHHS

Rev. Dr. Wallace McLaughlin, CEO/President Father Resources/Research Center

Mr. D. J. Andrews, Andrews Training & Communications, Inc., Rockville, MD

Family Conference & Celebration Pre-Registration

Name _____
 First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Address _____
 Street Number Street Name Apt. # City & State Zip Code

Agency Name _____

Agency Address _____
 Street Number Street Name Apt. # City & State Zip Code

E-Mail: _____ Telephone Number _____

Home Cellular

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Workshops At A Glance

Overview of the Healthy Marriage Initiative

Fathers and the Justice System

Father Friendly Systems

Effective Parenting: In the Best Interest of the Child

Program Concept: Faith Care Teams (FCT)

The Faith Community: Does Fatherhood Count? If Yes, Why?

Registration Fees: Single \$40; Couple \$60; Luncheon & Speaker Only \$20

After April 17th & at the Door Registration \$50, \$70 & \$25, respectively

For more information call (317) 591-1947 or e-mail ihmfc@sbcglobal.net

Exhibit Booth Available @\$45 - Free to Registrants & Coalition Members

Make payment payable to IHMFC and mail to IHMFC, P.O. Box 55036, Indianapolis, IN 46220